(b) if so, the details of its mandate;

(c) the details of the scheme envisaged for public-private partnership in skills development and its likely impact on the quantity and quality of skilled manpower in the country;

(d) whether any specific focus is assigned to meet the rural unemployment through skill development of the unorganized and traditional workforce;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) by when the proposed commission would come into effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Ministry of Labour & Employment has proposed setting up of a National Mission on Skills.

(b) It is. at conceptual stage only.

(c) to (e) In order to improve public-private partnership, Institute Managing Committees in more than 500 ITI's have been set up where Industry is associated to improve the quality of skilled manpower in the country and their acceptance in the world of work.

States have been advised to conduct short term employable courses in ITI's to improve the productivity of the workforce in the unorganized sector including rural sector.

**Unclaimed PF amount of deceased workers**

961. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of unclaimed Provident Fund account of workers who have expired during service as on 31st March, 2006, State-wise;

(b) what action is proposed to pay this amount to members of the families or to their kith and-kin;

(c) who is the custodian of this amount and how the unclaimed amount is utilised by the Central Government; and

(d) whether there is any move in the Ministry to computerise the complete details of all the workers in the organized sector, to avoid increase in the unclaimed amount?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU):_(a) The total amount of inoperative account lying in Unclaimed Deposit (UCD) Account as defined under para 72(6) of the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 1952 was Rs. 877.76 crore as on 31.3.2005 as per details given in the statement (See below). No separate record in respect of deceased members is maintained by the Employee's Provident Fund Organization.

(b) Efforts are made regularly for tracing the whereabouts of the beneficiaries through advertisements in newspapers, Trade Unions & Employers. A country-wide special drive was also launched to settle the unclaimed deposit accounts and to reduce multiple accounts belonging to a single member by way of balance transfer to running account, if any.

(c) The custodian of the UCD accounts is the Central Board of Trustees, Employee's Provident Fund. The amount lying in the UCD Account cannot be used for any purpose other than for payment to be made to the rightful claimant/legal heir/nominee.

(d) The Employees' Provident Fund Organization unde the 'Re-inventing EPF India' project has initiated allotment of nationally unique 'Social Security Number to the EPF members with the objective of merging multiple accounts of any one member into one account.

***Statement***

*State-wise details of Unclaimed Deposits A/c as on March 31st 2005.*

(Amount in lacs)

| SI. No | Name of Region | Balance as on 31.3.05 |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 26,236.85 |
| 2. | Bihar | 6.40 |
| 3. | Chhattisgarh | - |
| 4. | Delhi | 666.09 |
| 5. | Goa | 503.69 |
| 6. | Gujarat | 240.54 |
| 7. | Haryana | 324.46 |
| 8. | Himachal Pradesh | 1,361.94 |

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| 9. | Jharkhand | 5.03 |
| 10. | Karnataka | 322.98 |
| 11. | Kerala | 17.43 |
| 12. | Madhya Pradesh | 30.30 |
| 13. | Maharashtra | 3,631.53 |
| 14. | N.E. Region | 42.81 |
| 15. | Orissa | 11.42 |
| 16. | Punjab | 1,267.33 |
| 17. | Rajasthan | 116.35 |
| 18. | Tamil Nadu | 3,884.85 |
| 19. | Uttaranchal | 267.90 |
| 20. | Uttar Pradesh | 1,071.61 |
| 21. | West Bengal | 47,767.08 |
| | TOTAL: | 87,776.59 |

**Amendment to the Workmen Compensation Act**

962 SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to make amendment in Workmen Compensation Act, in view of the recent judgement by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, whereunder no compensation is payable for death after heart attack at work;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government had received any suggestions in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.